

NEWSLETTER

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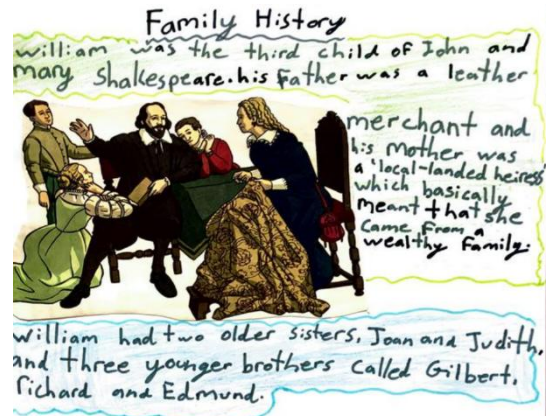
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William Shakespeare

Shakespeare Week is a national annual celebration giving primary school aged children opportunities for enriching and enjoyable early experiences of Shakespeare. It is one of the pathways to Shakespeare provided by the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust for people of all ages and stages of interest. Our teachers had access to hundreds of free resources including online workshops, storytelling and cross curricular resources linked to Shakespeare's works, life and times which have inspired pupils across the academy.

Learn all about the great man here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/ztd93j6>



Where did William go to School?

There are no official records of where William Shakespeare went to school. It is thought he went to King's New School in Stratford.



SHAKESPEARE WEEK
Join the national celebration

It is believed that he may have invented or introduced many words himself, often by combining words or changing nouns into verbs.

Shakespeare's Word of the day

Gossip: (v) to talk casually, usually about others

The Comedy of Errors, Act 5 Scene 1

Key Dates for your diary

6.5.25 Author Visit &
7.5.25 Scholastic Book fair

7.5.25 Year 5 Crafty Cuppa, School & communities Team Visit

8.5.25 EYFS & Y1 NHS Toothbrushing Programme

12.5.25 Year 6 SATS Week

Year 6 Crucial Crew Visit



On Wednesday, Year 6 joined the team at King's Lynn Fire Station as part of their annual Crucial Crew event. Despite only being an afternoon, we were able to visit several helpful services, who shared information on how to keep ourselves and others' safe.

RNLI We learnt about being WATER SMART. Something which is crucial for us living so close to the river. We learnt that if we find ourselves in trouble in water, to float on our backs in a star shape until we are rescued. Also, to never go into water to help someone else – as much as we would want to.

Norfolk Resilience Forum got us thinking about events which might be considered at risk, or not at risk. We discussed what items would be useful to pack if the local area was flooded and we had to seek refuge elsewhere. The lovely ladies explained to us, that in such an instance, to listen to either radio 2 or 4 who keep the public updated.

Brave Futures explained CONSENT to us. We buddied up with someone who we wouldn't normally work with to identify what CONSENT means and that we can say "No" if we do not want to do something.

Norfolk Police led a discussion on online safety; exploring how the internet can be amazing, but we need to be careful and ensure our settings allow only people who know in person to access our accounts. We left the workshop knowing that our trusted adults are always there to listen and help, but Childline have adult manning their phones 24/7 on 0800 1111.

The Fire Service hosted a quiz show style talk regarding preventing fires. Having listened carefully to various questions, we had to identify which box contained the correct answer. The Fire Service asked us how often frequently smoke alarms should be tested – once a week!

St John Ambulance showed us how to help someone who was unconscious but still breathing. Having watched the demonstration, we buddied up and practised placing each other into the recovery position.

East Anglia Air Ambulance explained how to resuscitate a casualty if they were not breathing. The friendly staff modelled how to give chest compressions before allowing us time to practise on the dolls. We were also shown how to use a defibrillator should the need arise. The staff finished the session by telling us to download the 'What3words' app, which has covered the earth in 3m grid lines and given each square an individual combination of three words which is unique to the square that you are in. They explained how this is extremely useful if you do not know where you are and the emergency services would be able to locate you no matter where you were.

Kingfisher Class learnt a great deal and left equipped as a Crucial Crew member of the community!





Upwell Academy
Library
Opening Times
9-10am
Saturday Reading Hour
Saturday 1st March
Saturday 26th April
Saturday 14th June
Saturday 19th July
- Borrow & return your books
- Enjoy sharing a book with family & friends
- Explore our wide range of NEW fiction & non-fiction books
Open to All
www.upwellacademy.co.uk

Community Library Opening – April 2025

Our community library opening last Saturday was enjoyed by current, past and prospective pupils alike. Children had the opportunity to explore our wide range of brand new non-fiction books recently donated by the Edith Blunt Trust.

It was wonderful to see past pupils Isabella and Thomas who eagerly shared updates with pupils and staff and shared a selection of books, some which they have borrowed until they return next month.

Come and join us in June!

A huge thank you to our Young Librarians that work hard during the week to keep our library in order.



Year 1 Science - Growing

In our new science topic, we have started to learn about plants and their needs. What better way to play about plants than by growing our very own! The children got stuck in, filling their pots with soil, planting the seeds and watering their plant. We're very excited to see how they grow!



To all Year 6 students
Good Luck in your SATs

DATE	EXAM
Mon 12 th May	Grammar, Spelling & Punctuation (Paper 1) Grammar, Spelling & Punctuation (Paper 2)
Tue 13 th May	English Reading
Wed 14 th May	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)
Thu 15 th May	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

Out of School Success!

Let's celebrate your achievements out of school! Upload to your portfolio and you could see them here next week.



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Learning Highlights

Reception: Cygnet Class

This week in Cygnet Class, we began exploring our new topic, Long Ago. As part of this, we have been reading traditional tales, with a particular focus on The Three Little Pigs. This story has linked beautifully to our science work on forces, as the children have been designing and building their own houses and bridges. In maths, we have started learning about numbers up to 20 and have been investigating the composition of the number 6. A highlight of the week was releasing our beautiful butterflies, which we have been carefully nurturing over the past few weeks.

Year 1: Waterlily Class

It has been great to see so much enthusiasm for learning at the start of our summer term. This week we have got stuck into learning! In science we have been learning about plants and what they need. We all planted our very own sunflower seed to take home to care for and to watch grow. I have a feeling that we have some excellent botanists in our future! In English we have been learning all about pen pals and letter writing. I wonder if my pen pal will write back to us next week.

Year 2: Otter Class

It's been a wonderfully busy week in Otter Class! We have continued to enjoy our Shakespearean writing in English and look forward to sharing some of the wonderful poetry produced for Harry Potter Writing Day on Thursday. We absolutely loved our exploration of the school grounds, especially the sensory garden during our science lesson this week – identifying different material in the school environment.

Year 3: Swan Class

In Year 3 this week we have completed our Shakespearean writing; the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the playwright and his famous works. We have thoroughly enjoyed Harry Potter writing too and I'm proud to say all children are increasingly showing excitement about our reading and writing opportunities. Miss Ellington has been very impressed with how much our presentation of our writing has improved! Well done Swan Class.

Year 4: Dragonfly Class

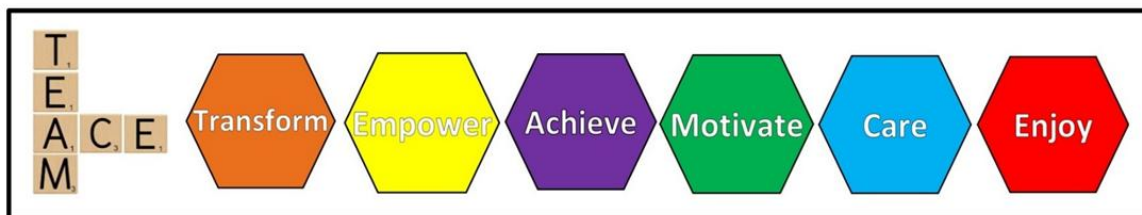
Year 4 welcomed me as their new class teacher on Thursday. I have had a fabulous couple of days getting to know the children and the school. We have been writing character descriptions and looking at fractions greater than 1 in our maths lessons. We will be starting a new class book next week ... watch this space!

Year 5: Willow Class

Year 5 have been working hard on their number skills this week. We have also started our English unit on Macbeth, and we are very much looking forward to learning about the tragedy in the coming weeks and maybe acting out some of the wonderful parts.

Year 6: Kingfisher Class

Kingfisher Class have had a tough week in preparation for SATs but are copying extremely well. We are now at the point where we are revising hard and can see the end in sight. We were also lucky to visit King's Lynn Fire Station on Wednesday for their annual Crucial Crew event, which was informative and a lot of fun, especially the biscuits!



Our 'Date for your Diary' will be added to each week and can also be found on the [Academy Calendar](#) page of our website.

Updates



Summer Term	
6 th May	Author Visit – CS. Clifford
7 th May	Scholastic Book Fayre in School 3:15-4:30
7 th May	Year 5 Crafty Cuppa – Y5 parents invited 1:45-3pm School & Communities Team available for parents
8 th May	Scholastic Book Fayre in School 3:15-4:30
8 th May	NHS EYFS & Year 1 Toothbrushing Program
9 th May	Scholastic Book Fayre in School 3:15-4:30
12 th May	Key Stage 2, Yr 6 SATS Week
TBC	Year 4 Oliver Cromwell House Trip
15 th May	Aspens 'Out of this World' Special Lunch
16 th May	FOSA Colour Run & Rainbow Raffle!
21 st May	EYFS Crafty Cuppa – Reception Class parents invited 1:45-3pm School & Communities Team available for parents
22 nd May	Year 6 Parents Meeting – Residential 3:30 – 4:15pm
19 th May	Potential RNLI Assembly to KS2
25 th – 1 st June	Half-Term
2 nd June	Children return to school
3 rd June	Year 3 Houghton Hall
5 th June	Mini Tennis Lynnsport
9 th June	Year 1 Phonics & Times Tables check
10 th June	EYFS & Y6 Height & Weight Check
14 th June	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
18 th June	Year 6 Crafty Cuppa – Y6 parents invited 1:45-3pm School & Communities Team available for parents
19 th June	Aspens 'Dive into the Deep Blue' Special Lunch
23 rd June	School Sports Partnership Quadkids Athletics
26 th June	Sports Leaders workshop with WNSP
27 th June	Year 6 Afterschool Leavers' Event
30 th June – 2 nd July	Year 6 Residential Claythorpe Court
30 th June	KS1 Active Kids Event
1 st July	Downham Cluster Area Sports
3 rd July	Sports Leaders workshop with WNSP
4 th July	Yr 5 & 6 Cambridge Hands-on Science Workshops all day
7 th - 11 th July	Sport Week
8 th July	Great Athletes – Olympian Visit
9 th July	Whole School Sports Day (weather permitting)
10 th July	Y5 & 6 Mini Tennis event Lynnsport



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15 th July	Reserve Sports Day
10 th July	FOSA End of Year Disco
14 th July	Transition Week - Move up Assembly 14 th July 9am
17 th July	Aspens 'The Big Picnic' Special Lunch
17 th July	New Class Teacher Parent Workshop 3:20-3:50pm
17 th July	Year 5 Marshland High School Taster Day
19 th July	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
21 st July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2pm
22 nd July	Pupil Leadership Team Speeches and Polling Station
22 nd July	Term ends

**7th, 8th 9th
May**

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SAFE

Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.



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MEET

Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on www.thinkuknow.co.uk

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ACCEPTING

Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.



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RELIABLE

You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.



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TELL

Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – 0800 11 11 or www.childline.org.uk



BE SMART WITH A HEART

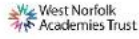
Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.



WWW.CHILDNET.COM



Marshland High School



Year 5 High School Experience Day

Thursday 17th July
9.15am – 2.40pm

Experience a day in the life of a
Marshland High School student!

Fun lessons in many exciting subjects including:

Art Science Music Languages PE

Registration forms will be sent out to Primary Schools next
week and will need to be returned by 17th June 2025.

For further information please email: s.swinburn@marshlandhigh.co.uk

UPWELL ST PETERS CHURCH

will celebrate

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Friday 27th – Saturday 28th
June
10.00 – 4.00pm
&
Sunday 29th 3.00 – 6.30pm

Children's Craft corner
Saturday 2.00-4.00pm

Flower arrangements

Cake stall

Bric-a-Brac

Raffle



Any enquiries contact: Alex 01945 772354
Raine 0791234082
or Ros 01945 773604



VE Celebration

**On Saturday 10th May at St Clements
Church, Outwell**

2:00-4:00pm

Everybody welcome

**They will have a short service and then
40's music.**